Leakage of U.P.S.C. 1992 G.S. Question Paper

237. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question paper of General Studies of the Civil Service (preliminary) Examination of Union Public Service Commission, 1992 was leaked at Allahabad;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to punish the guilty; and

(c) if so, what are name of the persons involved and what steps Government have taken to punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Immediately after commencement of General Studies paper of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 1992 an invigilator at one of the examination centres at Allahabad was found photocopying C&D series of question booklet. He was arrested by the Police and the original question booklet as well as photo copied version was seized by the Police. This happened at 3 P.M. whereas the examination commenced at 2.30 P.M. The case has since been handed over to CBI for investigation.

(c) S/Shri K. M. Pandey, Controller of Examinations, UPSC and Tribhuvan Prakash Bhatnagar, an Upper Division Assistant of the UPSC were responsible for photo copying the question booklets. Both of them have been arrested by the Police and later on enlarged on bail.

Strengthening of CBI

238. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proopse to strengthen CBI in order to ensure its smooth functioning; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation is functioning smoothly. However, the proposals of the CBI for augmenting its strength are considered as and when received from time to time and also agreed to where concurred in by Ministry of Finance. CBI has already been requested to undertake immediately a review of its overall staff strength, prmanent as well as temporary, and also to get work study conducted by the Staff Inspection Unit of Ministry of Finance in respect of certain posts.

Leakage of Civil Services Question paper

239. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for the cancellation of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination held on June 7, 1992, in view of reports that the Question Paper was leaked in Allahabad;

(b) if so, rhe details thereof;

(c) how many times such complaints were received during the last five years; and

(d) what steps have been taken to stop such irregularities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Immediately after the commencement of General Studies paper of the Civil Service (Preliminary) Examination, 1992 on 7-6-1992, one of the Invigilators of the examination centre at Allahabad was found photo-copying C&D Series of the question booklets. The matter was reported to the Police and the official was arrested. The original booklet as well as the photocopied version was seized by the

Police. The CBI have been asked to carryout a investigation in the matter. The invstigation of the CBI would relate to the criminal liability of those responsible and if a *prima facie* criminal case exist, to prosecute the responsible persons.

As per the recovery memo recorded by the Police, the time of the seizure of the test booklet, and photo copied version was 3 P.M. i.e., after the commencement of the examination. The UPSC have, therefore, come to the conclusion that there was no reason to believe that there had been leakage of question paper before the commencement of the examination compromising the integrity. A decision has therefore. been taken by the UPSC not to cancel the examination.

(c) Apart from leakage of certain question papers of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination 1991 held in June 1991 there has been no other instance of leakage of question paprs in UPSC conducted examinations though there has been unsubstantiated allegation of leakage of question papers of C.S. Praliminery Examination held in 1990 and the Zoology paner of Civil Service (Main) Examination 1991.

(d) The UPSC is considering various measures to strengthen the security of the examination system.

Select List of LDCs/UDCs and Assistants

240. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some orders/instructions/guidelines of the Government of India under which the Select List is to be prepared every year in rspect of LDCs/UDCs/Assistants by the Cadre Controlling authority of each Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Select List in respect of LDCs/UDCs and Assistants working in the Ministry of Home Affairs cadre has not been prepared for the last three-four years; and

(c) if so, what are the details/reasons therefor and the remedial action Government propose to take in the metter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the existing rules and instructions governing the Central Secretariat Service and the Central Secretariat Clerical Service, Select Lists in respect of Assistants, UDCs etc. are to be prepared by the cadre authorities every year.

(b) and (c) According to the information obtained from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Select Lists have been finalised in respect of LDCs, UDCs and Assistants upto and including the years 1989, 1990 and 1987 respectively. The Select Lists for subsequent, years have not been finalised so far mainly due to factors such as delay in finalising appointments of clerks nominated on the basis of the results of the Clerks' Grade Examination, 1990 (declared in February, 1992), delay in finalisation of regular promotions of Assistants and UDCs after abolition of the system of long term promotions and the delay in the direct recruitment of Assistants for the year 1988 onwards consequent on the transfer of this work from the Union Public Service Commission to Staff Selection Commission.

With the change in the system of promotion to the grades of Assistants and UDCs and regular holdings of examinations by the Staff Selection Commission for direct recruitment of Assistants, delay in the finalisation of Select Lists is likely to be minimised.

Officers drawing pension from outside

241. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Personnel has completed a survey of all serving officers in All India Services who are presently drawing pensions or other financial benefits:

(b) the details of this survey; and